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May 15, 2020

Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma
Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Re: Request for Comments on Regular Existing Mining Application, Modification 20-1 to Develop a New Zeolite Pit Within the Current Permit Boundary, Zeolite Mine, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI006RE

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President Arthur "Butch" Blazer
Mescalero Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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Governor Max Zuni
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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Pueblo of Isleta, THPO
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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Navajo Nation, THPO
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White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

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White Mountain Apache Tribe, THPO
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Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
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Lawton, OK 73502

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Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
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Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, TX 79917

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As part of the application process, MMD is also requesting comments from the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division (“HPD”) on this permit revision request from the Permittee. The New Mexico Mining Act does not grant MMD statutory authority to require the Permittee to conduct an archaeology survey on private land. However, the permit will contain conditions that mandate the Permittee, or any person working on the Permittee’s behalf, to immediately suspend all operations and notify MMD and HPD if and when a cultural resource is discovered. It then rests with HPD to evaluate the discovery to determine an appropriate course of action.

If there are known cultural resources in the vicinity of this project that your tribe is aware of, please provide any comments and concerns to MMD by June 16, 2020. Please contact me at (505) 476-3435, or Jenn Johnson of my staff at (505) 470-5354 or jennifere.johnson@state.nm.us with any questions or if you wish to meet to discuss the application.

Sincerely,

Jerry Schoepner, Director
Mining and Minerals Division

Enclosures (Project Vicinity Map)

cc: Project File (SI006RE, Revision 20-1)